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Wisconsin Milk Production

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August Milk Production

Wisconsin milk production totaled 2.21 billion pounds in August, up 1 percent from a year ago. Milk per cow averaged 1,745 pounds, up 20 pounds from last August. The number of milk cows in the state, at 1.26 million, was the same as last month, but up 1,000 from a year ago. As of September 1, 2011, Wisconsin had 11,957 licensed milk cow herds, down 36 from last month and down 664 from September 2010.

Milk production in August in the 23 major states grew by 2 percent over the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 1,810 pounds, 18 pounds more than at this time last year. The number of milk cows, at 8.47 million, was 3,000 more than last month and 102,000 more than last year.

Of the 23 major milk producing states, 15 had higher milk production when compared with last August. Eight states had lower production. Milk production in Texas jumped 11 percent, and New Mexico was up 5 percent. Minnesota and Pennsylvania both had decreases in production, down 5 and 2 percent, respectively.

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State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Pro- duction % chnge 2011/10
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,263	1,264	1,725	1,745	2,179	2,206	1
CA	1,753	1,777	1,940	1,970	3,401	3,501	3
ID	571	582	2,000	2,040	1,142	1,187	4
MI	359	368	1,955	1,955	702	719	2
MN	470	471	1,595	1,520	750	716	-5
NM	318	330	2,040	2,065	649	681	5
NY	611	610	1,790	1,785	1,094	1,089	0
PA	541	539	1,670	1,640	903	884	-2
TX	415	435	1,695	1,795	703	781	11
23-state total	8,369	8,471	1,792	1,810	14,998	15,330	2

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO